

Policy decisions include: terms of reference for the committee; problem statement; approaches for the analysis; timeline for Council action; and identification of fishery management units, component species, and management objectives. Additional policy questions include: the role of target and non-target species in the ecosystem; potential losses and gains from the proposed system; process for monitoring and identifying species of conservation concern to ensure their protection; criteria for determining the extent to which it is practicable to decrease the bycatch of non-target species; acceptability of non-target species falling into an overfished status; criteria for establishing retention limits or time area closures; ensuring sustainability if criteria can not be defined; indicators triggering an action; defining non-target complexes; assessing appropriate bycatch level as a minimum measure; managing the remaining species; revising the overfishing level tier system to eliminate tier 6 for target species; defining the threshold between target and non-target; and defining the role of the groundfish plan teams.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least seven working days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be Tuesday, June 1, 2004, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Wednesday, June 2, 2004, from 9 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Large Conference Room, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, Room D-203, La Jolla, CA 92037; telephone: (858) 546-7000.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Waldeck, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The main purpose of this work session is for the HMSMT to continue work on development of initial recommendations for a limited entry program for the high seas longline fishery and other matters that could be included in an amendment to the fishery management plan (FMP) for Pacific Coast HMS fisheries. Specifically, in line with Council direction from the April 2004 Council meeting, the HMSMT is developing estimates of acceptable thresholds of species specific sea turtle takes under the HMS FMP. This information might be used to develop a regulatory package for restructuring fisheries under the HMS FMP. In addition, information from the Council-managed drift gillnet (DGN) fishery will be added to the fleet profile database developed by the HMSMT; including information on current DGN permit holders and active fishery participants, and landings history for the period 1997 through the present. This additional information might provide a means to consider restructuring the DGN fishery in concert with the high seas longline fishery. The

rationale for expanding the database to include DGN fishery information is that the DGN fishery and high seas longline fishery, if both fisheries were allowed to operate, could require restructuring in order to ensure sea turtle takes are kept at levels that will not result in jeopardy to any Endangered Species Act-listed species. The HMSMT will report to the Council at the September 2004 Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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Endangered Species; File No. 1462

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Inwater Research Group, Inc., 4160 NE Hyline Dr., Jensen Beach, FL, has applied in due form for a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before June 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review